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SUBJECT: CDU/CSU STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST WAR

ON OCTOBER 16 THE CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARY FRAKTION
ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAR
(EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION). BEGIN TEXT:

THE CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARY PARTY REACHED TODAY
AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION REGARDING THE
WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

THE BLOODY WAR BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS AND THE
HEAVY LOSS OF MEN CAUSED THEREBY FILLS THE CDU/CSU WITH
GREAT SORROW AND APPREHENSION. IT IS TO BE FEARED THAT
A LONG MILITARY CONFLICT WILL NOT RESOLVE THE BLOCKED
POLITICAL PROBLEMS BUT CONTAINS THE DANGER OF EXPANSION
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OF THE WAR AND OF A MORE FAR-REACHING ENGAGEMENT OF THE

GREAT POWERS. THE CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARY PARTY STATES:
THE SOVIET UNION BEARS A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS
WAR.

ACCORDINGLY, THE CDU/CSU APPEALS TO THE PARTIES
PROSECUTING THE WAR TO END THE BLOODSHED QUICKLY AND,
ABOVE ALL, TO TAKE UP CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER AND PRE-
PARE FOR PEACE TALKS. WITH OTHER CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRATIC
PARTIES OF THE WORLD, WE DEMAND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS
OF NEIGHBORS TO LIVE (TOGETHER), AND DEMAND A BINDING
AND CREDIBLE GUARANTEE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL WITHIN
SECURE BORDERS.

THE CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARY PARTY DEMANDS THAT THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOY ENERGETICALLY ITS POLITICAL
AND DIPLOMATIC MEANS--ALSO IN COOPERATION WITH THE
OTHER FREE EUROPEAN STATES--FOR THE RESTORATION OF
PEACEFUL CONDITIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE PARLIA-
MENTARY PARTY HOPES THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND POPULACE
WILL USE ALL MEANS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN
AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE AFFLICTED INDIVIDUALS.
END TEXT.
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